

regularly or were involved as a youth in an organization using volunteers. AmeriCorps members generate an average of 12 additional volunteers around the nation! Not only are they helping our communities, they are setting an example for others to follow.

It's time we reclaimed the bipartisan tradition of support of national service that has long been the hallmark of American politics. Members of Congress now have a unique opportunity to separate policy from politics and reach a bipartisan consensus on the value of our national service programs. At this time of great concern about the future of our youth, it's essential that as many as possible be called upon to do something more challenging and rewarding—service to their fellow citizens. Support for the Corporation for National Service will build a stronger nation and ensure a brighter future for us all.

HONORING MISS NOELLE SCHILLER, DISTRICT WINNER OF RESPECTEEN SPEAK FOR YOURSELF AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Miss Noelle Schiller, an outstanding young student and District Winner of this year's RespecTeen Speak for Yourself Award. RespecTeen's program encouraged students to write a letter to their Representative in Congress. Miss Schiller is an eighth grade student at Millbrook Junior/Senior High School in Upstate New York. Her award-winning letter compassionately outlined the problem and detailed her selfless action concerning homeless children in our nation.

Miss Schiller's letter described the way she personally assisted homeless children in America. Through a church sponsored program, Noelle collected items which would be of use to homeless children. Her words speak best to the impact of these small gifts: "The articles seemed like so little, but to these children they mean so much." As a member of the United States House of Representatives Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee, I share Noelle's desire to find safe and affordable housing for all. I applaud her leadership in this noble cause.

I commend Miss Schiller's interest and enthusiasm in addressing one of this country's most serious issues. RespecTeen's Speak for Yourself program encourages students like Noelle to learn more about America's government. The purpose of the letter writing project was to learn more about our democratic system of government and encourage young people to interact with government officials. The program obviously had a positive impact on Noelle and provided her first hand experience of our democratic process.

Noelle and her parents, Katherine and James, reside in Salt Point, New York, within the 22nd Congressional District. In honor of her superior achievement, RespecTeen awarded Miss Schiller a United States Savings Bond. Noelle is an intelligent young student who deserves high praise.

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Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Noelle Schiller on her receipt of the RespecTeen Speak for Yourself Award. Also, please join me in wishing her the very best of luck in all her future endeavors.

REMEMBERING THE KOREAN WAR

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today I join my constituents in the Fifth District of Missouri in remembrance and in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Korean war. On June 25, 1950 North Korea attacked South Korea. An emergency session was called by the United Nations Security Council resulting in 22 nations joining forces in the first United Nations initiative to preserve peace and harmony. President Truman sent our troops to Korea as part of that United Nations peace keeping effort to preserve democracy and repel communism.

This nation must always be cognizant of the message stated on the 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemorative Flag "Freedom Is Not Free". We welcome home every Korean veteran and salute their valiant efforts on our Nation's behalf I rise today to remember and honor the 54,268 United States military who tied in the Korean conflict. We must never forget that 8,207 are missing in action, and only 3,450 returned of the 7,000 prisoners taken.

Let us pray for prisoners of war and those missing in action. We must continue to seek information about missing soldiers and provide families with long awaited news and closure to years of unanswered questions. This nation must always remember and be appreciative of our brave sons and daughters who answer the call. Today our military stationed in South Korea continue to stand ready and vigilant. I salute them for their valiant service.

In January I had the opportunity to travel to South Korea and visit the Korea Demilitarized Zone. During my journey I learned a great deal about the importance of a continued U.S. role in the region. The trip was a very real reminder that peace and stability still elude us.

This month the world witnessed the first Korean Summit, a historical meeting for a region divided since 1945. South Korea's President Kim Dae-jung traveled to North Korea and met with Kim Jon 71, leader of North Korea. The talks resulted in a signed agreement, initiating steps for reunification. As the world watches with cautious optimism we hope for a long-term relationship that will bring peace and stability. While today Secretary of State Madeleine Albright announced United States troops will remain in South Korea indefinitely despite the improved relations in the region, we wait for the day when we can bring our United States soldiers home to their families.

Thank you to all the Korean veterans, their families and those who continue to serve.

HONORING AGENT BLAKE L. BOTELER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize an exceptional man, Blake L. Boteler, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. In June, Mr. Boteler was recognized as one of America's finest at the seventh annual "TOP COPS" awards. The "TOP COPS" award recognizes law enforcement officers that have demonstrated outstanding acts of heroism and exceptional service to their community. Mr. Boteler won the award because of his considerable efforts to help his community in the war against drugs. Mr. Boteler personifies the goals that this award stand for and we all can learn from the example he has set.

Mr. Boteler is an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms who was recognized for the "Top Cop" award because of the heroism he showed in fighting the flow of narcotics and weapons in to this country by a well known outlaw motorcycle gang. Using his tactical skills, he successfully infiltrated the gang and helped apprehend several suspects, effectively ending the gang's reign. His perseverance eventually paid off and as his efforts were instrumental in helping the State of Colorado serve 26 warrants and prosecute 40 defendants. The gang was eventually disbanded and Agent Boteler seized over 225 weapons and other paraphernalia.

Agent Boteler had this to say when he learned that he was a recipient of this award: "I was honored to have this investigation considered so highly, especially considering the fact of all the hard work and sacrifices made on a daily basis by members of this nation's law enforcement community that are equally deserving of this award." Because of the dedication of this outstanding American, I think it is all together fitting that this distinguished body pay tribute to him.

It is obvious why Mr. Boteler was chosen as the recipient of the "TOP COPS" award. I think that we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his service to the state. Due to Mr. Boteler's dedication, it is clear that Colorado is a better place.

IN HONOR OF ANDERSON COUNTY,
AN ALL-AMERICA COMMUNITY

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor Anderson County, South Carolina, a recipient of the 2000 All-America City Award, a distinction that recognizes communities whose citizens work together to identify and tackle community-wide challenges and achieve uncommon results. This award recognizes communities where true American spirit is hard at work, where safety and quality of life are priorities. The community of Anderson County exemplifies all of these characteristics.